

**REMARKS**

Applicant submits that all of the claims are presently in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner feel that a phone call would be useful in expediting prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions or to otherwise expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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